



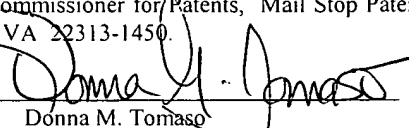
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**NEW UNITED STATES UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Enclosed herewith is a new patent application and the following papers:

Inventor (or application identifier): **John Whitty and John T. Sickinger**

Title of Invention: **STRAIN GAUGE RETAINING ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLE SEAT**

1. ☒ Specification 14 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 22 claims ( 3 independent)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney is:
  - ☒ attached in the regular manner.
  - ☐ NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
3. ☒ This Application has 3 distinct sheets of ☐ Formal ☒ Informal Drawings
4. ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☐ Form 1449
  - ☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet.
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional and foreign applications):

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8. ☐ Priority document(s).
9. ☐ Small Entity Status is being hereby claimed.
10. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission.
- ☐ Computer Readable Copy.
  - ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy).
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.

11. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			<b>\$770.00</b>
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	2	18.00	<b>\$36.00</b>
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	0.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	0.00	0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			<b>\$ 806.00</b>
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			<b>\$ 806.00</b>
Assignment Recordation Fees (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	X2	40.00	\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$ 806.00</b>

12. PAYMENT is:

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of **\$ 806.00**, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to **Deposit Account No. 19-0733**. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- ☐ not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)

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13. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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14. Other: Application Data Sheet (3 pages) and Return Postcard.

Date:

February 25, 2007

By:

Gregory J. Cohan  
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
for FY 2004**

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)** 806.00**Complete if Known**

Application Number	TBA
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	John Whitty
Examiner Name	TBA
Art Unit	TBA
Attorney Docket No.	011361.00056

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	770.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$ 770.00)</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	22	-20	=	2	X	18.00	=	36.00
Independent Claims	3	-3	=	0	X	0.00	=	0.00
Multiple Dependent			X				=	0.00

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1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** \$ 806.00

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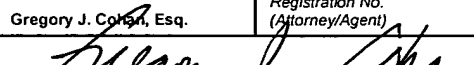
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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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